


# GLENCOE

## Elementary School



Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Health Screening Day	8AM-1PM
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Principal's coffee	8:15AM
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA/Foundation Mtg	9AM
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	PPS Buildings & Learning 101	

Dear Glencoe Families and Friends:

We are holding a special Site Council meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> (2:40 in the library) to discuss the future of our stand alone half day kindergarten. We are the last school in Portland Public Schools to have a half day kindergarten. In other schools all of the kindergarten classes are full day and parents who choose the half day option pick up their student at the half day time.

A representative from PPS will attend this meeting to help us understand the kindergarten staffing formula and other issues linked to a stand-alone half day class. The Oregon legislature has mandated free full day kindergarten beginning in 2015 but we have to make a decision about our half day class in the very near future.

If this issue is important to you please plan on attending and having your voice heard.

Sincerely,  
Robi

### Chinook Books and Apps:

We will be selling the books and apps until **Friday 12/9**. The books and apps are for sale every Monday and Friday at the Scrip Table and every day in the office. The books are \$20, the Apps are \$10. It's only \$25 if you buy both!

### Sally Foster Giftwrap Sale:

Help Mrs. Osborn improve Glencoe's technology by purchasing gifts and paper goods from Sally Foster! To begin shopping, please visit [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com), click on the big red button that says "SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER", then select "GIVE CREDIT TO SCHOOL OR GROUP" click CONTINUE, type in Portland, OR 97215 and Glencoe ES will come up as an option. Select us and start shopping! Sales are only online, and items ship directly home! It couldn't be easier!

### Bear Month is Here!!

Bears are starting to arrive for Madame Libearian's party this month in the library. Pretty soon there will be guests all over the place! But don't worry, there is room for everyone. Students may bring up to five guests (bears or other stuffed animal ~ no ducks or pillow pets, please!). Guests must be at least 4" tall but not taller than their owner. It is very important that each guest have a name tag with their name and teacher's name on the front and the owner's name on the back. There are blank name tags and yarn available on Ms. Emma's desk if you would like to make one once you get to school. Please do not leave any guests without a name tag! We want to make sure they get back to their owners. All guests will go home the week of Dec. 12. This should be exciting.

### Food Drive:

K-Kids will be helping Portland Elks collect food for military families this holiday season. The collection bin is ready and waiting in the main hallway where you can put your non-perishable items. Please help us out so we may help those who have served our country and are having a hard time getting back on their feet once they have returned from active service. You may bring food items through Dec. 16. Thanks for your help.

### Support The Glencoe Foundation This Christmas!

Let all your friends and family know how easy it is to support the school. Visit the Glencoe School Foundation website at [www.glencoeschoolfoundation.com](http://www.glencoeschoolfoundation.com) Click on the link to Amazon to enter the Amazon site. Make your purchase on Amazon. The Glencoe Foundation receives a portion of the proceeds. It's that simple. In 2010 we earned \$3097. Thank you.

### PPS Hosts Information Session on School Buildings:

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, PPS hosts "Buildings & Learning 101: A background briefing for people who care about Portland Schools," from 7-9 p.m. at Benson High School, 546 N.E. 12th Ave.

Attendees will learn about best practices for school facilities nationwide and how they pertain to PPS schools. PPS Chief Operating Officer C.J. Sylvester and Facilities Director Tony Magliano will offer an illustrated presentation, addressing issues such as:

- What are the basic requirements for good school buildings?
- What building improvements are needed to support new teaching and learning methods and technologies?
- What have studies and assessments told us about the condition of PPS buildings?
- What are the options for funding school capital improvements?

A question-and-answer period will follow.

The meeting is part of the school district's continuing effort to educate Portlanders on the state of PPS buildings and to engage the community in identifying needed upgrades and how to pay for them.

### K-Kids

K-Kids will be meeting on Tuesday December 6th after school in room #110. This will be our final K-Kids meeting before the holiday break. We have several K-Kids service projects that need your input & energy. All K-Kids are encouraged to attend and share their ideas. See you next Tuesday.

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K-Kids Advisor

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### Hello Chess club members:

Chess club is going strong with a record number of kids attending. We are happy for the enthusiasm and interest, but in order to keep everyone safe and be able to play chess we need to remind everyone of a few things. First of all, we need to know that the kids are there to play chess for the whole hour. We volunteers are taking time out of our schedule because we want our kids and others at Glencoe to have the time and space to work on their game. There have been a lot of kids in chess club walking around, distracting others, and not playing chess. Please talk to your children and make sure they are interested in playing chess for the entire hour. If you have a younger child and/or a child that cannot concentrate for that long, but they still want to be in chess club, then please consider picking them up at 3 or sitting with them to give them support. We also want to remind everyone that food and drinks are not allowed in the library. That includes the Friday popcorn. If your child needs a snack they can sit right outside the library and eat as long as they let us know that is what they are doing. The last thing is for everyone to please help us make pick-up safe. Let us know if your child has a plan other than being picked up at the library. Thank you for talking these things over with your children and helping us to have a great chess club.

### PTA Clothing Closet Volunteers Needed:

Thursday, **December 1st** is Glencoe's day to volunteer at the PTA Clothing Center! The volunteer hours are 9:30am - 1:30pm at Marshall HS Campus, 3905 SE 91st Avenue. The main cross streets are SE 92nd and SE Powell, out by the Chucky Cheese.

Each school is responsible for sending volunteers on their assigned day. We don't want to have to send away kids because we don't have enough volunteers.

We have had over 1004 students and are running low on gently used clothing, and totally out of boys jeans size 4-12, and have NO warm coats. We could also use cash donations to purchase new jeans, socks, and undies.

*Can we count on Glencoe to help by having a clothing and coat drive to benefit our PPS kids in need?*

Sharon Meigh-Chang, PTA Clothing Center, Director  
503.293.0783 [ptaclothingcenter@comcast.net](mailto:ptaclothingcenter@comcast.net)

### Glencoe Spirit-wear for the holidays!

If you wish to purchase a Glencoe T-shirt or sweatshirt, they will be for sale this Friday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and next Friday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> after school. If you can't make it then, please call Kristy Carlson (971) 219-9487 or Beth Griffiths (503) 781-3608 for other arrangements.

### Auction Liaison Needed!

The 2012 Glencoe Elementary School Auction team seeks an Auction Liaison who will coordinate between the school community and auction category chairs. This volunteer will field general questions and direct individuals to appropriate contacts as needed.

The ideal candidate should be comfortable accessing a simple database, will have attended at least one Glencoe auction, and will strive for speedy response time via email. There will be just three meetings to attend and facilitate, starting in January.

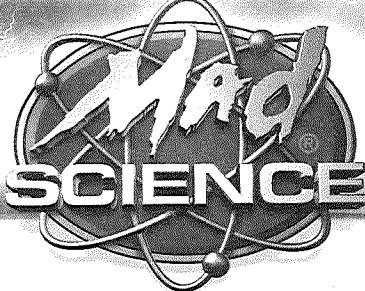
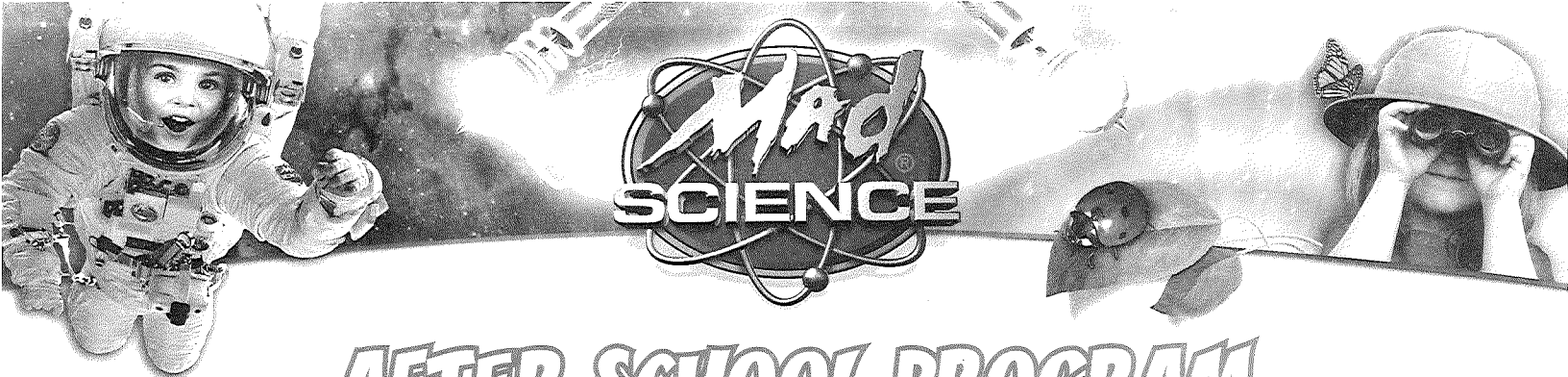
Please call Lisa Zuniga, 503.490.7638 or email her at [lisazuniga@yahoo.com](mailto:lisazuniga@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

### Glencoe 2012 Auction Sponsorship:

My name is Tricia Curley and I have volunteered to be Sponsorship coordinator for our March 2012 Auction organized by our Foundation. I am sure most of you know that this auction raises the funds to help support our librarian position, band program, after school sports, and many other enriching programs. The success of this auction depends on many so I am reaching out to all of you. I am currently sending letters to local businesses asking for sponsorship at the following levels:

- Platinum: \$1,500 donation
- Gold: \$1,000 donation
- Silver: \$500 donation

Like last year, we will also have a "Friends of Glencoe" sponsorship level. A donation of \$250 includes 2 tickets to the auction and a tax deduction. If you are willing to be a sponsor, or know somebody who would, please contact me at (503)236-6161 or [curleypt@yahoo.com](mailto:curleypt@yahoo.com). I look forward to working with you as we prepare to make this next auction a great success!



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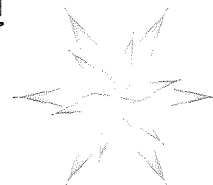
Complete class descriptions, dates and times available are listed on the back.

## REGISTER TODAY!

Space is limited, registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



## CRYSTAL SNOWFLAKES Try this experiment at home!



### What You Will Need:

- string
- scissors
- blue food coloring (if desired)
- white pipe cleaners
- pencil
- borax (in the laundry aisle at the market)
- wide mouth jar
- boiling water

### What you do:

1. Cut a pipe cleaner into three equal sections.
2. Twist the sections together at their centers to form a six-sided snowflake shape. Cut to fit inside the jar.
3. Tie the string to the end of one of the snowflake arms and tie the other end of the string to the pencil. Test to make sure the snowflake hangs into the jar without touching the bottom.
4. Fill the jar with boiling water.
5. Add borax, one tablespoon at a time, to the boiling water. Stir to dissolve after each addition. You will use 3 tablespoons of borax for each cup of water used. It's okay if some un-dissolved borax settles to the bottom of the jar.
6. If desired, you may tint the mixture with food color.
7. Hang the pipe cleaner snowflake in the jar so that the pencil rests on top of the jar and the snowflake is completely covered with liquid and hangs freely.
8. Leave overnight.
9. Look at the pretty crystals!!! You can hang your snowflake as a decoration or in a window.

### What's going on?

As the water evaporates and drips off your pipe cleaners it leaves dissolved minerals behind that form awesome crystals.



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## Sparking Imaginative Learning





# Glencoe Winter Drama Club

**Glencoe Drama Club**  
Mondays, Jan. 23rd-Mar. 12th  
2:25-3:25 p.m.  
Skip Feb 20th  
For grades 1-5  
\$79 per student

Enroll early, space is limited!

**Register Online**

[www.theyoungplayers.com](http://www.theyoungplayers.com)



Like us on Facebook to see more pictures of our workshops, and receive fun updates!

## Visit our Website

- ◆ Summer camp info
- ◆ Free games for kids
- ◆ Free scripts to put on plays at home
- ◆ Colorful photo gallery



**I**n our imaginations, anything is possible.

In today's electronic age, kids can forget what it is to dream. In the Young Players drama club, kids learn the skills required of actors. They gain self-awareness and self-confidence. They strengthen their language and reading skills, and they learn to work more cooperatively and make new friends. But above all, they learn to access the magical realm of the imagination. Each class is a new adventure. One day we may be pirates sailing for treasure on rocky seas; during another, we may find ourselves on a strange planet filled with creatures we've never seen!

The workshops are led by highly-qualified teaching artists, most of whom have master's degrees and are working actors. They are given access to over a thousand pages of drama curriculum, and each class is custom-designed for the kids who enroll. Students of all ability levels are welcome! And parents are always invited to a celebration at the end where we share our favorite pieces.

Visit our website to read staff bios and testimonials from parents/educators.

**E**ach child plays a colorful, meaningful part.



## Policies and FAQ's

- ♦ **All Students Welcome!**-Whether your child is outgoing or reserved, he/she will love drama class. Quiet kids blossom in our nurturing environment and extroverted kids find a satisfying outlet for their creativity.
- ♦ **Last Class Celebration**-Please join us for the half hour directly following the last class for a celebration of our drama experience. The kids will be sharing activities and some of their favorite pieces with you. This casual gathering gives kids an opportunity to show you what they've been working on without feeling pressured. You are welcome to bring siblings, grandparents, friends and treats! We also offer spring break and summer camps for kids who are interested in creating a full-length show.
- ♦ **Homework**-Your child may bring home activities to try at home, or we may email you a short script with a part for your child to rehearse. Homework from drama club is elective. We encourage your family to get together for a "no t.v. night" and play the homework games at least once during the session.
- ♦ **Snacks**-Please send a snack with your student on drama day.
- ♦ **Class Location**-Call the school for classroom location. Unless it's on this flyer, we don't know until the instructor arrives.
- ♦ **Registration Deadline**-Most of our workshops fill quickly; register online. If you do not register early, your child may not get in. Check on the "registration" page of our website for availability. Phone registration is no longer available. For safety reasons and to honor those who may be on a waiting list, **we do not take walk-in registrations.**
- ♦ **Getting Kids to the Class**-All Young Players workshops are held within your school building unless otherwise noted. The school receives a roster of kids 24 hrs. in advance, and usually, the school secretary reminds your child's teacher to send him/her to drama. Parents of younger or forgetful children may wish to send a reminder email to the teacher, or put a reminder in the child's lunch-box. We are not responsible for getting your child to the class. The Young Players instructor arrives early and stays until kids have been picked up.
- ♦ **Late Pick-ups**-Please be on time to pick up your child. Meet him/her in the room at the end of class, or at the curb five minutes after. If you are more than five minutes late, we will charge a dollar a minute to stay and wait. Young Players teaching artists are professional actors or certified teachers who often have other classes/rehearsals after your drama class.
- ♦ **Parent Volunteers/Observation**-We welcome parent volunteers, please call or email our office if you would like to be a consistent part of the fun! We discourage "observers" as it can create performance anxiety for some children. If you'd like to sneak a peek at class, you are encouraged to arrive ten minutes early to pick up your child, and watch from the back of the room. The kids are almost always performing pieces for each other at the end of class.
- ♦ **Class Conduct**-Great actors are patient, kind and follow directions. We are protective of the workshop environment and the experience of each child and will excuse children **without refund** who are repeatedly disruptive. If your child has difficulty following directions or focusing, he/she may not be ready for drama. Call our office if you have questions/concerns.
- ♦ **Scholarships**-The Young Players does not receive any grants or government funding. We are unable to offer scholarships at this time.
- ♦ **Camps and More Workshops**-We will offer drama at your school at least once a year. We also offer spring break/summer camps for \$199 or under for the entire week. See our website for details.



### Volunteer Opportunities

Young Players is Oregon's largest drama outreach program, serving a hundred local schools. If you have a passion for keeping arts alive in public schools, you are warmly invited to be a part of making it happen!

We welcome classroom/camp volunteers, and we need help on various fun projects such as: making videos of some of our classes for our website; promoting Young Players to the media, helping to spread the word about our amazing residency programs and more!

Call Shena at 503.624.7499, or send an email to [info@theyoungplayers.com](mailto:info@theyoungplayers.com)

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